

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
May 10, 2010

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at the Council Chambers, 6120 Broadway, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper
Mayor Pro-Tempore Susan Harwell
Councilmember Stan McCormick
Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal
Councilmember Jill Souter

Also attending were:

City Manager Ann Benson McGlone
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Shawn P. Eddy
City Attorney Mike Brenan
Communications/IT Manager Marian Ramirez
Finance Director Cynthia Barr
Community Development Director Brian Chandler
Human Resource Manager/Deputy City Secretary Judith E. Surratt
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf
Police Chief Rick Pruitt

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Mayor Louis Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

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Finance Director Cynthia Barr presented the Mayor and each Council Member with their annual compensation in the form of newly released 2010 one-dollar (\$1) Presidential Coins for performance of their official duties.

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Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any corrections to the minutes of the April 26, 2010, City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Jill Souter to approve the minutes of April 26, 2010 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Susan Harwell and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 3 City Manager's Report

a. Recognition of Shift A Firefighters

City Manager Ann McGlone introduced Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf for the recognition of Shift A Firefighters.

Chief Hagendorf recognized Shift A Firefighters for their extraordinary prompt response to an emergency call on March 29, 2010. Chief Hagendorf shared the story of the firefighters' response to the patient that needed critical care attention. Dr. Mark Ogden, Medical Director, assumed the patient care upon arrival at the medical facility. Dr. Ogden stated the response time and actions contributed to the patient surviving the cardiac arrest.

Chief Hagendorf introduced Battalion Chief Jay Lambert, Captain Michael Gdovin, Fire Apparatus Operator Tom Grose, and Firefighters Mike Franscell, Cody Davenport, Roy Richie. He stated two other members of A Shift, Fire Apparatus Operator Brad Rogers and Firefighter Jacob Martin were responding to an emergency call and were unable to be present. Chief Hagendorf presented a plaque to the Shift A Firefighters.

b. Announcement of Special City Council Meeting on May 12, 2010 to Canvass the May 8th Election Results at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. McGlone announced the Special City Council meeting is scheduled on May 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers to canvass the election results.

c. Movie Nights in the Heights

Ms. McGlone introduced Juli Blanda, Senior Manager of Retail Customer Operations/Community Relations Manager, Grande Communications. Ms. Banda is also the President-elect of the Alamo Heights Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Blanda informed City Council of Grande Communications' request to partner with the City during the months of May through October, to provide an outdoor movie venue adjacent to the Nature Trails parking lot off Viesca Street. The first featured movie, "Marley & Me" is scheduled for May 28th. Grande Communications is welcoming a long partnership with the City of Alamo Heights to provide this service.

Councilmember Souter thanked Ms. Blanda, for announcing the event at the Chamber luncheon.

Mayor Pro Tem Harwell thanked Ms. Blanda for the partnership and the willingness to work with the City of Alamo Heights.

Ms. McGlone stated there was coordination with Mr. Rick Shaw on the swimming pool and that the City mailed communication to the neighbors within 500 feet about the upcoming event. Councilmember Rosenthal reminded of the speakers to be positioned away from the residents.

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Citizens To Be Heard Concerning Non-Agenda Items

May O'Neal, 434 Abiso Avenue, thanked City Council for their years of service. She referred to the performance of Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter as civic humanism in action.

Jamie Boerner, 727 Patterson Avenue, recalled her experience as a central station dispatcher in Houston and stated there is no place that has a response time under two minutes, except in Alamo Heights. Ms. Boerner thanked the professionals for their work. She thanked Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter for their exemplary, conscientious, respectful and dedicated service to the city.

Judy Spencer, 227 Abiso Avenue, stated Alamo Heights is a great place to live in. She thanked the Mayor, City Council and City staff for the work they have done, especially Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter.

Margaret Houston, 140 Patterson Avenue, thanked Mayor Pro Tem Harwell, Councilmember Souter and former Councilmember Bill Kiel for the true leadership, countless hours, and sacrifices that they provided to the City of Alamo Heights.

Suzy Bettac, 126 Rosemary Avenue, thanked Councilmember Souter for her dependability and knowledge and Mayor Pro Tem Harwell for her focus and dedication to neighborhoods. She thanked City staff for their assistance and work. She commended City Council for a fabulous job well done. Ms. Bettac congratulated the new Council and expects to see Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter still involved.

Mayor Cooper congratulated Mr. Fred Prassel, Dr. Elliot Weser, and Mr. John Savage on their elections to office.

Mayor Pro Tem Harwell presented a 1997 family photo that was used during her first campaign. She provided the reasons she began her interest in serving the community and stated her family has a strong public service background. She recalled a question when a friend asked her what she wanted for her children. Mayor Pro Tem Harwell stated she wanted her children to be happy, good citizens, and give back to the community. She introduced her Family Action Committee (FAC): sister Pamela, daughter Anne, son Alec, and husband, John Ferguson. She thanked City staff for their professionalism, listening and addressing her concerns. She expressed appreciation to the people for their support and to her colleagues.

Councilmember Souter thanked the citizens that were present and for their kind words, in addition for the emails and cards she received. She thanked Ms. Sarah Revely and Ms. Jamie Boerner for the lovely flowers. She also thanked the citizens for their support for the past four years. She stated that she never thought herself as a politician but rather as a public servant and was honored to serve the City of Alamo Heights as she will always be a contributor for the community. She thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication. She thanked her colleagues for working together to make the best decisions for the entire community. She presented two books by Gary McCaleb, former Mayor of

Abilene, that had been inspirational to her, to each of the Councilmembers and the City Manager.

Mayor Cooper thanked Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter and used the word “integrity” to best describe them. He stated he has learned from both Councilmembers. They have made a difference and the City looks forward to their continued support.

Councilmember Rosenthal stated Councilmembers listened to each other, bringing different ideas or perspectives in understanding each other. He expressed appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter.

Councilmember McCormick stated it is a sacred honor to be selected by the citizens to serve the community. He stated that a good public servant is a servant and not a master. He complimented Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter for demonstrating servant leadership and courage. Councilmember McCormick referenced two quotes. The first quote by President John Kennedy, “There are risks and costs to a program of action but they are far less than the long range risks in costs of comfortable in action”. Councilmember McCormick stated Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter have exemplified that ideal. The second quote was by President Abraham Lincoln, “Let it be said of me when I’m gone that where I found a weed, I planted a flower”. He stated it has been an honor to serve with Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter.

Alec Ferguson, 231 E. Fair Oaks Place, reminded City Council to be leaders.

Claire Golden, 406 Patterson Avenue, thanked Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter for their service. She asked City Council to continue to preserve the history, architectural beauty and the sense of small town. She asked that they remember who they are and remember Alamo Heights as it should be.

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Consent Items

Item # 5 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1867

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
CITY MANAGER TO RENEW AND EXECUTE AN
ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
APPOINTING MICHAEL S. BRENAN AS CITY
ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY**

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Souter. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and passed by unanimous vote.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 6 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1868

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW AND EXECUTE A SUBLEASE WITH HEIGHTS POOL, LTD. FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY'S SWIMMING POOL LOCATED AT 250 VIESCA AVENUE

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Shawn P. Eddy provided a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Mr. Eddy stated the agreement would approve Heights Pool, Ltd. to continue to operate the City's swimming pool for an additional term of 10 years.

Councilmember McCormick recalled a time period when the swimming pool was neglected and Mr. Rick Shaw changed the swimming pool from an eyesore to an asset. Mayor Cooper added that Mr. Shaw has operated the swimming pool with professionalism and knowledge.

Councilmember Souter stated Mr. Shaw's service is a gift to the community. She expressed appreciation to the Governance and Communication Committee for exploring this opportunity. She thanked Mr. Shaw for dedicated management of the pool and City staff for their work.

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Souter. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 7 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

A request for a Demolition Permit for 355 Rosemary Avenue by Eric Guerrero, owner, represented by Peter DeWitt, AIA of DeWitt Architects, to demolish the existing single-story detached two-car garage for the purpose of constructing a new two-story detached two-car garage with guest quarters and storage space on a property zoned Single Family – A

Community Development Director Brian Chandler made a PowerPoint presentation which included photos, existing and proposed site plans, and elevations.

Mr. Chandler stated two variances were granted for the rear yard setback and for wall plate height on March 3, 2010 at the Board of Adjustment (BOA) meeting. Mr. Chandler noted there is a 28 inch pecan heritage tree that will be preserved.

Councilmember McCormick appreciated Mr. DeWitt's professional understanding in designing a structure that did not impose onto the neighbor's residence.

Councilmember Rosenthal asked Mr. Chandler if City staff will follow up and inspect the boundaries. Mr. Chandler confirmed that City staff will inspect to ensure that boundaries are not exceeded.

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Souter. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and passed by unanimous vote.

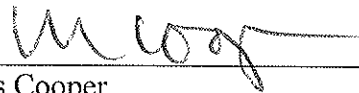
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Peter DeWitt, 136 Harrison Avenue, expressed appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter in the fairness they have demonstrated even when they were not in agreement.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Harwell to adjourn the meeting. A motion was seconded by Councilmember Souter and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Louis Cooper
Mayor



Jennifer Reyna, TRMC
City Secretary